

Topanga GP 1st Public Meeting 9-29-09

Sampling of Notes

Parkwide Issues, Ideas, and Concerns

Functional Landscape – remove invasive, native plants & animals present, wildlife corridors

Negative Park issue - Hikers hiking after sundown

Challenges – need signs on all trails, enforce no dogs

Considering future demographics, all signs should be in Spanish & English

More history in Nature Center – feature biographies of early Topanga residents

Allow dogs on leash for safety

Allow passes for dogs

Restrict free parking but have a cheaper annual pass

Public – private partnership perhaps?

Lagoon restoration – 95% lost in LA County. Topanga is the only place where this is possible.

Want to see more park history & cultural artifacts, etc.

Vision – Future generations will see the same landscape that the Native Americans saw 1000 years ago — Where else can you say that other than the SMMTS. That's why TSP must stay natural!!

Preserve the natural beauty – no development within the Park.

Overall need for more mountain bike trail opportunities. There is an unmet need by the local mountain bike community and a societal need for more fun ways to enjoy the outdoors + achieve cardiovascular exercise+good health + fitness, and mountain biking is an appropriate option.

Need more signage – noted on SW side of map outside of Park

Need more areas added to the Park – noted SW of Park, central area around Pacific Palisades, S near Temescal, NW of Santa Maria Canyon Trail & Eagle Rock, All of the open space E of the Park along Sullivan Fire Road see map but it generally corresponds to the undeveloped areas.

Scary homeless camps noted near the Rodeo Grounds and SW of Los Liones.

Fast Bikes are noted from Eagle Junction down towards Trippet and then down towards the Parker Mesa Overlook

Need more funding – funding will be a problem & challenge
need funding and programs for under represented groups & public transportation so that they can access the Park

Natural Resources – Impt!

Interpretive tours - good

School kids – good & need more

Huge park - Size and diversity good and bad but makes it hard to monitor and interpret

Nature Center @ Trippet – good - Education – natural resources

Park needs more recognition

Need Topanga SP signage from Topanga Canyon Blvd. & on trails, including mileage

Have more of a gateway into the Park

Illegal camping/fires - bad
Topanga Canyon docents - good
Mtn bikes vs. other users – impacts
Patrol & enforcement – no dogs
Dogs on leash ok – for safety/ pass for dogs on lottery system or only certain trails
Enforce rules
More info to community about Topanga SP
More outreach to community & beyond
Equestrian education re: trails, avoiding damage, are they open etc.
Water quality – keep it good
Rain – changes trail condition
Protect vistas
Preserve as wildland park, Keep it Wild
Good job in accessibility (for physically disabled) but do more
Show where trails cross urban interfaces, especially the backbone trail – like where it crosses Sunset
Trail loops – good
Parking in neighborhood - bad
Vandalism
Freedom to roam
Functional landscape
Restoration of native plants
Eliminate exotic plants/species in Park
Restoration of lower Topanga
Trail maintenance
Perm funding source
Cooperative relationships
Accessible activities for physically disabled
Wildland maintenance
Protect viewshed
Preserve it all
Paid internship opportunities – school age/college/overnight facilities
More place-based cultural and stories/interpretation, explore the Park's subtleties and myths
Organized volunteer activities
Preserve it!
Nature center – Ed outreach
Better communicate with public
Unpaid visitors – how do we support trash removal etc.?
Walk in pass
Communicate history

Park Vision

Connect mountains to sea
Look at steelhead for inspiration
Look beyond park boundaries
Wildlife corridor and linkage

Expansion

Community involvement

Protect & restore our companion species

Outreach to inner city

Outdoor education and classrooms

More docent training

Provide info on Cell phones Twitter,etc. move into the tech age for disseminating information about the Park

Separate and above the city urban areas but connected to sea

Mountains to sea

Timeless

Watershed - keep clean

Lower Topanga access

Escape the city

Part of SMMT National Recreation Area

Trail segments of Backbone Trail & Coastal slope trail - finish

A mini vacation from daily toils

Keep it wild

Open space & access